

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 14th August 2011

IRTS 2 Metres Counties Contest

The IRTS 2m Counties Contest will take place Sunday 28th August 2011. The closing date for the submission of the log to the contest manager is 27th September 2011.

South Sudan DXpedition

The first DXpedition to South Sudan went QRT during the week, having made over 120,000 QSOs on all bands from 6 metres to 160 metres.

The DXpedition call sign was ST0R [Sierra-Tango-Zero-Romeo] and its log shows 279 QSOs with EI stations. John EI7BA tops the list, with 21 QSOs, covering all the bands used by ST0R, followed closely by Doug EI2CN with 20 QSOs. Both John and Doug managed QSOs on 160 metres, a fine achievement given that ST0R had less than 700 QSOs on that band, due to various problems with antennas, not to mention propagation and atmospherics.

CASHOTA

CASHOTA will be holding a UK & Ireland Heritage event over the month of September 2011 to coincide with European Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to access locations which may previously have been closed to the public or inaccessible. The different regions have set different dates, so for more information go to www.cashota-ireland.org where all of the information regarding Irish Castles and their activation and numbers may be found.

The dates have been set for CASHOTA's annual Castles weekend in 2012. The event will be held over 2 weekends on the 18th - 19th May 2012 and the 25th - 26th May 2012. We would like to invite both last year's participants and any new persons to apply to be an award station. The award is open to any individual, groups or clubs who wish to chase castles or activate them.

CASHOTA in Ireland is co-ordinated by CASHOTA-IRELAND and to obtain a CASHOTA designator for a Castle in Ireland please contact Steve EI5DD via "ei5dd \dot\ steve \at\ gmail \dot\ com"

Limerick Radio Club

Members of Limerick Radio Club will activate Tarbert Island Lighthouse IE0002 using the callsign EI4LRC/P for the International Lighthouse weekend 20/21 August. Activity will be on SSB & CW

GI HF Conference

The West Tyrone Amateur Radio Club is holding a HF Conference on Saturday 20th August 2011. This Conference comes following the very successful DigiCon 09 Conference back in September 2009. A range of speakers from around GI, EI and G will be in attendance to share their various perspectives on aspects of HF operation. There will also be in attendance Traders such as, Tyrone Amateur Electronics (TAE) along with exhibits from the RSGB and the IRTS. The Event is supported by Practical Wireless, TAE, JBT, IRTS and RSGB. So come along for what will be a Fun Day Out for all the family. The town of Omagh has a range of top class shopping along with a wide range of other tourist attractions

www.omagh.gov.uk/culture_leisure_and_tourism/ We look forward to seeing you there. For details of the Venue etc go to wtarc.co.uk/GIHFConference.aspx

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group is pleased to announce their second annual rally and electronics fair at the Blarney Golf Resort, Tower, Co Cork. on Sunday September the 11th 2011.

The doors open to the public at 11.30 and the rally will run throughout the afternoon. The usual traders will be on hand with some very tasty bargains, South East Communications, Long Communications and JBT Trading.

The Hotel are also offering room deals for the rally a Room Only from €59 and Double Room inc B&B: €79 Please Contact the hotel directly for room bookings on Tel:+353 21 4384477. www.blarneygolfresort.com

Small traders are very welcome but it essential that they contact the events organiser Liam EI7GTB, Tel: 086-3357100 Email:ei7gtb/ at /gmail/ dot/com as soon as possible.

Further details can be found via the group's website, www.ei1nc.com.com

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will meet on Monday August 15th at 8 p.m. at the Community Centre in Carrigtwohill. New members and visitors will be very welcome. Final details of the Club's Summer social will be discussed. This barbeque will be held at the Brook Inn in Glanmire on Sunday August 21st starting at 4 p.m. This will be a family event and again visitors will be very welcome.

The club's planned trip to the Old Head of Kinsale for International Lighthouse weekend will not now go ahead due to a late double booking by another club.

The next group activity will be a trip to Garbally College in Ballinasloe for the SSB Field Day on the first weekend of September.

Enquiries to Dave EI9FBB at 083-3317940.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

Once again the Shannon Basin Radio Club will be hosting the SSB field day on the weekend of 3rd and 4th September 2011. The grounds of Garbally College in Ballinasloe in Co. Galway have again been made available to any clubs or individual operators who wish to take part in the event. The club will also be hosting its very popular barbeque which is one of the highlights of the weekend. Anybody wishing to receive more information may contact Brian ei8iu by email "brianei8iu/ at / eircom dot /net or any club member.

DX News

Mike VE2XB will be QRV as FP/VE2XB from the St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands from now until 21 August. Activity will be on all bands with emphasis on 6m. For the IOTA Award the reference is NA-032. QSLs go via the home call.

A number of operators from South Korea and Japan will operate from the South Korean island of Cheju from 19-26 August using the callsign D9A. This is in connection with the 20th Asian Conference on Intellectual Disabilities. This one counts as AS-026 for IOTA and the QSL Manager is DS4EOI.

Peter EI7CC is returning to Lesotho for a short holiday from 18- 30 August and will be active again as 7P8PB. He hopes to upload his logs to Logbook of the World on a daily basis. As with his previous visit to Lesotho he will be operating from the shack of Gerry 7P8CC better known to us as EI8CC. It is hoped that many EI/GI stations

will make it into the log.

German operators DH2AK and DL1THM will be active as PJ2/DH2AK and PJ2/DL1THM from the island of Curacao from 21 August to 8 September. They will be using an IC-7000 and buddipole and operating holiday style.

A special event station with the callsign UE90K will be active till the end of August from the Komi Republic in Russia. The station will operate from different districts and will be of interest to those chasing the Russian District Award.

For the Rugby enthusiasts look out for ZL4RUGBY operated by ZL4PW from 19 August until 31 October. This is to celebrate the 2011 Rugby World Cup being played in New Zealand.

ARISSat-1 and EI

The ARISSat-1/KEDR amateur radio satellite was launched on Wed 3rd August. Among its contents are entries from schools of students' science experiments. One EI school, Gaelcholáiste na Mara, Arklow Co. Wicklow had the work of 6 students accepted. They include experiments on Ohms Law, Magnetic field, Acid & Base neutralisation, Dissolved Solids, & Periscopes. The students' work was under the guidance of their science teacher, Pádraig EI7GK. Other schools accepted were in USA, Canada, U.K. Australia Switzerland & Portugal. Being a Gaelcholáiste the work is presented as Gaeilge with an English Translation. The work can be seen at www.ariss-eu.org/arissat-1.htm There are links to each student's work.

Unlicensed broadcasting now illegal in New York State

Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed legislation making the operation of an AM or FM radio station without a license illegal in the state of New York. Violations will be treated as a "Class A" misdemeanour. The new law gives local law enforcement an important tool to protect consumers and stem the tide of illegal radio operation in New York. USA.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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